

PLATFORM  
Of the American Party, adopted at the session of the National Council, June 2, 1857.

1st. A humble acknowledgment to the Supreme Being, for His mercies and blessings, and for the preservation of our Union, and the maintenance of our rights, and the promotion of our interests, and the advancement of our civilization, and the glory of our God.

TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

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T. K. GRAY,  
FASHIONABLE TAILOR,  
D. Bisset, one door east of National Intelligencer  
Office, Washington, D. C.

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TO ALL THAT VALUE THEIR SIGHT.

WISHES TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF  
all that suffer with defective sight, caused by long-continued and uncorrected near-sightedness, and particularly from glasses injudiciously selected, to his superior Spectacles and Glasses, carefully ground by himself to a spherical accuracy, and brilliant transparency, suited precisely and beneficially to the vision, according to the capacity or contrary of the eye.

Persons that cannot conveniently call, by sending the glasses in use, and stating how many inches they read this print with their spectacles, can be supplied with glasses that will improve their sight. Circulars to be had gratis, at his office, No. 512 Seventh street, three doors from Odd Fellows' Hall, up stairs.

After most careful examination of Mr. J. Tobias's Glasses, I am enabled to testify that their hardness, clearness, polishing, and exact optical shape, render them particularly recommendable to those who are afflicted with defective vision, and who are in want of such auxiliaries. I consider, moreover, Mr. Tobias fully qualified to determine the form of the eye, both by the use of the microscope and by the use of the means of his optometer. In addition, I can further state that Mr. Tobias has supplied some of my patients with Glasses, to their and my entire satisfaction.

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A NEW DOLLAR MONTHLY MAGAZINE.  
Begin January, 1857.

T. H. STOCKTON, HAVING REMOVED FROM the publication of the Bible in Spanish, and transferred the Bible Tracts, and Bible Tracts, to the latter city, now issues a Dollar Monthly Magazine, called "Stockton's Book and Journal."

I. THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.  
The "Book" department opens a Series of Original Works, by the Editor himself, to consist of—  
I. SERMONS FOR THE PEOPLE;  
II. LECTURES FOR THE PEOPLE;  
III. MISCELLANEOUS FOR THE PEOPLE;  
IV. POEMS FOR THE PEOPLE.

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6. SKETCHES OF CHARACTER, SCENERY, AND INCIDENTS;  
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THE MARCH NUMBER.  
The March number of the "Book and Journal" commences a New Series of "Sermons for the People." Of the former series, 57 Editions have been issued, and it is hoped that the New Series will prove worthy of still more extensive circulation.

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IMPROVISED LINES.

Suggested to the mind of the writer on seeing some faded flowers in the possession of a friend.  
Oh! cast them away, for the giver is faithless; no longer care I for the faded flowers that I can see no more, for the giver is faithless.

A sweet, simple gift of true feeling were they, And long, in remembrance of me, they've been cherished;  
No longer they bloom, but are scentless and pale, And like them, the truth of the giver has perished.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LOSING AND WINNING.  
BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE COTTAGE OF GLEN," "SENSIBILITY," &c.  
Think not, the husband gained, that all is done; The prize of happiness must still be won;

Can I not win his love, Is not his heart of "penetrable steel," Will not submission, meekness, patience, truth, His selfishness—a sole desire to please,

When the husband gained, that all is done; The prize of happiness must still be won; And the prize of happiness must still be won; And the prize of happiness must still be won;

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actually tries my experience by his diabolical for society. I do believe he is now quite well; yet he made indisposition an excuse for not coming with me to-night.

"I shall show him that I can be obstinate as well as he," found Julia. "I choose to stay at home—I choose to come out—no matter if he will not come with me, neither will I stay with him."

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disappeared, and Mr. Westbury, advancing to the wife's arm within his, and bidding Mr. and Mrs. Westbury, "Good night," led her to their carriage.

"How have you enjoyed yourself this evening?" Mr. Westbury inquired as soon as the carriage door was closed and the coachman had mounted his box.

"Quite as well as I ever do scenes of similar character," Julia answered.

"Do you not like the society?" "Not very well such large masses," said Julia. "To my apprehension, very large parties counteract the purpose for which social feelings were implanted within us."

"Then you disapprove, as well as diabolical scenes," said Mr. Westbury.

"I fear they are not quite innocent," said Julia. "So far as my observation has extended, they have little tendency to increase benevolence, or any of the finer feelings of the heart. I have often feared, that vanity and thirst for admiration, were the causes that drew together one half of the crowd; and a vulgar love of luxuries the other."

"Those causes surely do not influence all those who attend large assemblies," said Mr. Westbury. "Such persons as Mr. and Mrs. Eveleth, for instance, are entirely above them."

"Undoubtedly," said Julia. "Still I believe the rule as general as any other."

"Does not the elegant and instructive conversation of such a man as Mr. Eveleth reconcile you to the crowd?" Mr. Westbury inquired.